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POSTAL STATISTICS

District of Columbia Leads in Amount Per Capita.

HIGHEST AVERAGE EXPENDITURE

Interesting Comparisons Made With Nearby States.

INCREASE IN A YEAR

"The people of the District of Columbia are entitled to an official compliment in that the records of the postal service for the past year show that they expended the mails proportionately more than any other collective body of people in the United States, and are, therefore, the best patrons of the mails of all of the millions who rest secure under the stars and stripes," said a postal official to a Star man this morning.

"The gross receipts of the post offices by states form a reliable and official index of the business pulse of the different sections of the country, and the amount expended per capita in the use of the mails is a pretty good guide as to what the people in their localities are doing.

Further Interesting Comparisons. "But this is not all the praise the District may give itself in this connection. While it ranks fifty-third, or last, of all the states, territories and possessions in this country, it is first in its expenditures per person in using the mails. There are six post offices at present in the District, and their gross receipts last year were \$74,018, an increase of about \$4,000 over the preceding year. And while the District ranks forty-third of all the different states and territories in population, it ranks fourteenth in the average expenditure per person.

Disappearance of Post Office Names. "The District had until the present year a number of fourth-class post offices, fourteen, which will surprise many persons when it is considered that the District is but a few square miles in extent. Washington occupies a goodly portion of it.

"They have been reduced, however, by consolidation, discontinuance and the establishment of stations, until there are now four fourth-class offices—Benning, Deane-wood, Kenilworth and Winthrop Heights. Washington and Langdon are presidential post offices.

"Many familiar names which have been given to fourth-class post offices in the District are now no longer to be seen, owing to their discontinuance and the extension of free delivery service from the Washington city post office. Of these fourth-class post offices which have disappeared are Brightwood, Oak Grove, Takoma Park, Terra Cotta, University, Winthrop, St. Elizabeth, Brookland, Congress Heights, Goodhope and Tenleytown.

"It is an interesting fact that Oak Grove has been a post office for more than forty years, once sharing the honor, I think, with Washington and Georgetown as being one of the only three post offices in the District. There are fifty-six substations scattered throughout the city, mostly in drug stores. It takes 230 letter carriers to serve our mail this year, and a force of between 500 and 600 employees to operate our city post office, almost as large as the force of the Post Office Department, which is only a couple of hundred above it.

District Far Ahead of Near States.

"To make more clear what I have told you about the District of Columbia being the best patron of the mails of any subdivision of the Union, let me take the three nearest states—Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.

"Virginia stands thirty-eight below the District, being the thirty-ninth in the list of states, and her residents spent last year on an average per person 22 cents each for using the mails. West Virginia went her sister state one cent better each person, in 85 cents per capita.

"Maryland stands below, being the twenty-sixth, with \$1.43 per capita to her credit. Thus it is shown that the people of the District of Columbia spend for the mails so much per capita for using the mails as do the people of Virginia and West Virginia, and almost twice as much as the people of Maryland, which ought to console our own people feel that they are persons of some importance, from a postal standpoint, to say the least.

"On an average compensation of fourth-class postmasters as regards the three states named we may also wear the blue ribbon.

"Thus we pay our average fourth-class postmaster \$238.34 a year, Maryland \$158.71, West Virginia \$124.96, and Virginia \$118.83. Upon the whole, for a little cost, you may save a great deal of money by increasing your army annually saved by modern medical science.

Rehabilitate Visitation. The grand tent officers of the Order of Rehabilitates of North America paid Hope Tent, No. 1, a visitation Monday evening last. There was a large attendance present, the hall being fairly packed. A. K. Bell, C. R. B., being unavoidably absent, the G. W. B. J. L. Bunch, assumed the chair. The officers were examined in the unwritten work of the order by the G. V. L. W. C. Lenz, who, in reporting, highly complimented the officers. The grand secretary and grand treasurer made favorable reports. The acting grand master, Hope Tent, and M. Shore, E. Smith, M. J. Lenz, E. B. Bernhard and A. Dugan, and Messrs. R. W. Johnson and W. C. Lenz of Faith Tent, No. 31.

Resolution Transmitted. The District Commissioners have received from the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association a copy of a resolution adopted by the organization at its last meeting, commending the recommendation of Major Sylvester, the superintendent of police, relative to playgrounds for children. The association also recommends that the ground along Piney branch in the vicinity of 14th street extended might be used for such a purpose.

MR. MARX IS MISSING

But His Friends Are Not Uneasy About Him.

SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY

Recuperating From Shooting Affair in Virginia Last Thursday.

NERVES BADLY SHAKEN

NEW YORK, December 7.—William B. Marx, brother of Herbert Marx, said today that he did not know the present whereabouts of the young lawyer who shot his way out of the country in defending himself from attack.

"He is not in New York or Brooklyn," declared William B. Marx. "He is in the country, but not in Virginia. He is recuperating from the shock of his experience. He was very much upset a few days ago, but is better now.

"When my brother is well he will return to his home in Brooklyn. He is a brother-in-law at Fredericksburg, but the latest information gives it that he did not meet them. It is reported that Marx acted as if he were under the influence of alcohol when he had shot men who had been his friends, wringing his hands and giving other outward evidence of mental agony.

William L. Hefflin, who died shortly after reaching the Emergency Hospital here, seemed very friendly with the man who had indicted the fatal wound. James Q. Stiff, who is still in the hospital, it is stated, refused to speak to Marx and seemed to regard him as a traitor. The party to use the term and feathers that he did the injury he had received. The latest report from Westmoreland county gives information of the finding of a bag of straw in which there was a bottle of oil. The bag was found in the yard near the home of Marx. It is said, giving the impression that somebody thought of setting fire to the house.

Change in Public Sentiment. Public sentiment in the vicinity of the scene of the shooting seems to have undergone a change since the day after the shooting, and there now seems to be no ill-feeling toward young Marx. People about Oak Grove, where the Taylor lives, seem satisfied that Marx never insulted Rose Taylor, the school girl, whose name has figured so prominently in the case.

A member of the coroner's jury who voted to exonerate Marx is reported to have said: "Marx denied that he made any improper advances to the young lady. He admitted that he had kissed her, but he was very fond of her, and looked upon her as a mere sister girl."

Miss Taylor, as published in The Star yesterday, declared that she had not been insulted by Marx, and thus far it seems that the school girl, John Bird, caused all the trouble.

A telegram from Fredericksburg says that there was some talk in Westmoreland county yesterday of the shooting of Marx. While the matter was discussed, no effort was made to inflict such punishment.

Little Change in Stiff's Condition. James Q. Stiff, who is still under treatment here for a wound in the neck, is in about the same condition that he was when he was brought here. The surgeons have not yet determined when they will perform an operation. While his condition appears no more serious than it was when he reached here, the doctors have no idea that he can recover.

The shooting tragedy near Oak Grove, in Westmoreland county, is still the leading topic thought of by the people of the county. All the parties concerned are well and favorably known. Nothing has ever before occurred in this section of the county that has aroused such universal interest.

Now positively stated, on the very best authority, that Herbert Marx did not make improper advances to the young lady. The Taylor family physician says she denied in his presence in the most emphatic terms that Mr. Marx had treated her in an insulting manner, and that the report to the contrary was without the slightest foundation. The young woman's mother said that she was not present at the shooting, and that she was not present at the shooting.

A prominent man from the neighborhood of Oak Grove, who was a member of the jury which investigated the shooting, today made the following statement: "Marx denied that he made any improper advances to the young lady. He admitted that he had kissed her, but he was very fond of her, and looked upon her as a mere sister girl."

Since the night of the tragedy a bag of straw, in which was a bottle of coal oil, was found in Marx's yard, and a short distance away, where one of the bushes was tied on the night of the shooting, rags saturated in coal oil were found.

"The night of the shooting was very strong against Marx, but he is rapidly growing in his favor. This statement is made on the authority of one of the most prominent citizens of Oak Grove neighborhood.

Almost to a man they condemn the hasty action of the assaulting party. Hefflin stated twice before being taken to the hospital that he believed he had been shot by one of his own party.

Ernest Marx, brother of Herbert Marx, and his brother-in-law, E. Blackmar, a leading attorney of that city, who arrived at Oak Grove yesterday afternoon, spent last night at the home of the commonwealth attorney of Westmoreland, Col. R. J. Washington, where the works of these gentlemen will take has been made public.

The remains of W. P. Taylor, Jr., one of the victims of the shooting, were taken to the cemetery of St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Oak Grove this afternoon.

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